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1. INFO 1 [] CLEARLY INDICATES EDA VIA LEONIDAS KYRIKOU HAS INSTRUCTED ITS MAN HAMB IOANNIS ANGELIS REPORT TO AVGI ANY GERMAN GOVT PRESSURE ON HAMBURGER ECHO TO PREVENT ANY FURTHER PUBLICITY OF MERTEN MATTER. ANGELIS REPORTED TO AVGI SAME DAY, 7 OCT, THAT ECHO EDITOR IN CHIEF TOLD HIM THAT EMPLOYEE OF GERMAN FONOFFICE HAD CONTACTED HIM AND POINTED OUT THAT ECHO STORIES CAUSED DIFFICULTIES TO THE GERMAN GOVT. ANGELIS DESCRIBED THIS AS INDIRECT PRESSURE.

2. AVGI ALSO PROMPTING ECHO DIRECTLY ON CASE. FROM ABOVE, APPARS FAIRLY CERTAIN VIA SOCIAL DEMOCRAT LEADERSHIP BE INEFFECTIVE AND THAT ANY APPROACH GREEK DIPLOMATS TO REINHOLD - FOSSEY WOULD QUICKLY BE REVEALED TO GREEK OPPOSITION JOURNALISTS. SUGGEST ^{Greek} _{Press} DISCOURAGE ANY SUCH EFFORTS GREEK EMBASSY AT MOMENT WHEN OPPOSITION HERE SEEMS TO BE RUNNING SHORT OF AMMUNITION, IF GERMAN STATION CONCURS OUR ESTIMATE.

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